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Contractor accused of helping fugitives in neo-Nazi group

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PORT SALERNO — Federal agents and sheriff's deputies raided a modest duplex in this quiet Treasure Coast fishing village early Wednesday and arrested a man they said was a messenger for a violent neo-Nazi group linked to the murder of a Denver radio talk show host and a Brink's robbery.

Frank J. Scutari, a 40-year-old building contractor, was charged with being an accessory after the fact to a \$3.6 million Brink's armored truck robbery in Ukiah, Calif., in July 1984.

Scutari's brother, Richard, is one of three fugitives sought in the robbery, which federal authorities said was carried out to finance the activities of The Order, a group of right-wing extremists who hate Jews and blacks. The group is estimated to have between 30 and 40 members.

Federal authorities said Richard Scutari, who helped found the group, also had a house in Port Salerno that he occasionally visited.

Frank Scutari, federal authorities charge, was not a member of the group, but set up a network of rented offices along the Treasure Coast to receive and relay messages from the fugitives.

"He was keeping them all in touch with each other," said Peter Robinson, assistant U.S. attorney in San Francisco.

One gang member, Gary Yarbrough, is currently on trial in Boise, Idaho, accused of shooting at federal agents last October as they drove near his home.

The automatic pistol used in last June's murder of Alan Berg, a Jew who frequently denounced white

supremacist groups on his Denver radio show, was found in a search of Yarbrough's home, authorities said.

Prosecutors and FBI agents said Yarbrough and other members of the order are key suspects in the Berg killing.

The group has been involved in two shoot-outs with federal agents in Oregon and Washington. Another gang founder, Robert Jay Mathews, was killed in a Dec. 8 shoot-out with 100 agents on Whidbey Island in Washington state.

FBI officials said recently the white-supremacist order also has been linked to the bombing of a synagogue, counterfeiting and bank robberies across the country.

"The money goes toward recruitment of new members and training," Robinson said.

Used false names

According to an FBI affidavit filed Wednesday in Fort Pierce, Frank Scutari used false names to rent small offices in Fort Pierce, Stuart and Vero Beach. Telephones and answering machines in those offices were allegedly used by group members to exchange messages.

A heavily armed squad of federal agents and deputies, many wearing bullet-proof vests, arrested Frank Scutari at his home at 4814 SE Grouper Ave., about 9:30 a.m. The FBI then searched his home, where Robinson said some weapons were found.

Neighbors watched in disbelief as agents made the arrest and quickly hustled Scutari into one of 10 government vehicles that surrounded his cream stucco-and-brick home.

Most refused to talk about their plump neighbor with a bushy black mustache.

"He lives across the street from us, but we never noticed anything strange about him," said one woman who did not want to be identified. "We didn't know he was involved in anything until we saw all the cars this morning."

The arrest also shocked officials and employees at Major Construction in Stuart, where Frank Scutari is a corporate officer in charge of building projects.

Partner stunned

"Good God, you say Frank's been arrested?" said one stunned partner. "I'm glad I'm sitting down, or I'd fall down. I thought he was in Melbourne today working on a project we're building up there."

The partner, who would not identify himself, said Scutari had helped found the building firm about two years ago. "There was never any indication of anything like this," he said. "I'm just sitting here with an incredulous look on my face."

He described Scutari as "a very nice man, easygoing. He gets along well with everyone, and everyone likes him. He was very good in the construction business, and we felt very confident having him in charge of our building sites. This whole thing is amazing."

Fred Scutari, of Stuart, father of

the two brothers, said he had learned of the arrest when neighbors called him.

"No one is more shocked than we are," he said. "My wife is on the verge of a nervous breakdown right now."

Frank Scutari, separated from his wife and young son, looked stunned when he appeared before U.S. Magistrate J. Michael Brennan for his bond hearing in Fort Pierce shortly after his arrest.

"Everything's got me all at once, and I can't think," he told Brennan.

Brennan delayed the bond hearing until today so Scutari could be represented by an attorney. But Robinson said he will ask that Scutari be held without bond.

"Our feeling is anyone who has been assisting The Order, we want to make sure they're arrested," Robinson said.



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FBI agents take contractor Frank J. Scutari to federal court.

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U.S. protected Nazis, author claims

By Alice Kohn
 and Gregory Katz
 USA TODAY

A former Justice Department lawyer Monday released government documents he says show State Department officials knowingly brought Nazi war criminals to the USA.

John Loftus, whose 1982 book was the basis for last weekend's TV movie *Kojak: The Belarus File*, said at his home in Rockland, Mass., that U.S. officials overlooked Nazi crimes in return for information on Soviets. The State Department declined comment.

Loftus, on the Justice Department team that hunted Nazis during the Carter administration, said he'll send the de-

classified top-secret documents to congressional investigators. The papers include a list of 100 Nazi criminals and collaborators who attended a South River, N.J., convention in 1954.

Loftus did not offer government documents showing that Nazis had been helped into the USA but claimed the convention records proved they were welcomed here. He estimates 300 former Nazi collaborators or war criminals still live here.

He accused the FBI of blocking congressional probes — a

charge denied by the FBI.

Loftus named Svyatoslav Kaush of South River as a convention organizer. Kaush said the convention was anti-communist, not Nazi. Asked if he collaborated with Nazis, Kaush said, "Not really."

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Neo-Nazis weakened, FBI says

By Sam Meddis
USA TODAY

Eighteen arrests since November have weakened the USA's "most violent" right-wing revolutionary group, FBI Assistant Director Bill Baker said Sunday.

Of the two dozen members of the neo-Nazi group known as "The Order" — linked to West Coast armored car heists and the slaying of Denver radio personality Alan Berg — only five remain free, Baker said.

"We think we've weakened the organization, certainly," Baker said.

On Friday in Boise, Idaho, a key group member, Gary Lee Yarbrough, 28, pleaded guilty to illegally possessing firearms and explosives. He still faces trial on a charge of shooting at FBI agents on Oct. 18.

The FBI's "intensive investigation" for the remaining gang members — including suspected gang leader Bruce Carroll Pierce — focuses on Washington state, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Northern California, Baker said.

The fugitives are believed to be heavily armed — with large amounts of ammunition, grenades and dynamite.

"This is demonstrably the most violence-prone, right-wing group operating in the country today," he said.

The FBI also is looking for possible links to other white supremacist groups, such as the Ku Klux Klan in the South, Baker said. "We're ready to get the hunt nationwide," Baker said.

In Hayden Lake, Idaho, the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations Church plans to conduct a memorial service for slain white supremacist Robert J. Mathews on April 20 — the 90th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birth. Mathews died in a shoot-out with the FBI near Seattle.

The Order is "an offshoot or a violence-prone faction" of the Aryan Nations, which claims to have 6,000 sympathizers across the USA, Baker said.

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Vast dragnet hunts neo-Nazi

By Louis Kizer
Denver Post Staff Writer

Bruce Carroll Pierce has become the most wanted man in the West.

The new leader of a neo-Nazi clan that police believe carried out the assassination of radio talk show host Alan Berg. Pierce is the subject of a federal dragnet rarely seen since the days of John Dillinger.

Federal and state lawmen fear Pierce may command an arsenal of weapons, millions in cash, and a philosophy pledging death to the agents who are pursuing him.

The location and dates of possible racketeering trials involving Pierce's neo-Nazi comrades are being kept secret, in part to prevent Pierce from knowing where they are, said one assistant U.S. attorney.

Denver police are equally interested. Their current theory of the Berg homicide is that Pierce and three other neo-Nazis belonging to a clan called The Order were at the scene.

Of the four, Pierce and Denver neo-Nazi David Lane are fugitives on other charges. Denver police believe that they hold the answer to who actually gunned down Berg. A third suspect, Robert Mathews, died in a shootout with FBI agents. The fourth is unidentified.

"Pierce's whereabouts is the most important thing. We consider him to be the leader of The Order," said Peter Robinson, U.S. at-

torney for San Francisco.

The Order, a brainchild of Pierce's slain mentor, Robert Mathews, is a neo-Nazi clan allegedly trying to bring into reality a fictional revolution depicted in a 1978 book called "Turner's Diaries," according to the FBI.

The book portrays a white supremacist takeover of the United States through "bombings and assassinations against public officials and public offices, energy facilities, communications systems, newspaper offices, and television and radio stations," according to an FBI complaint.

Part of the scheme in the book was to use counterfeiting to ruin the American currency while financing a revolution. Turner, the book's hero, dies in a suicide nuclear attack against the Pentagon.

There is overwhelming evidence that Pierce, Mathews and their associates began to live out the book's prophecies:

✓ Pierce pleaded guilty to counterfeiting charges in Washington in 1983. But he never showed up for sentencing last year.

✓ In April, the FBI has charged Pierce, Mathews, and at least five other confederates heisted \$508,000 from an armored truck in Seattle.

✓ In June, Berg was gunned down outside his Denver townhouse. Berg, a Jew, had condemned the white supremacist movement.

✓ A month later, FBI agents

saw that eight members of the group held up an armored car in San Francisco, heisting \$3.6 million while spraying the truck with machine-gun fire.

✓ On Feb. 7, Pierce was indicted for planning a holdup at the main Brink's vault in San Francisco.

And there are threats that the violence has not ended.

Keith D. Gilbert, leader of a neo-Nazi group in Idaho, says that May 1 will be a day "of great destruction" in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the death of Adolph Hitler. Gilbert, an associate of several Order members, told The Denver Post that he was not "at liberty" to say what he or his members intend to do on that date.

Hit list of FBI agents?

Gilbert also said that his associates are keeping lists of FBI agents who are investigating the Order. Are they hit lists? "I think that is probably a reasonable assumption," Gilbert said.

Gilbert spent five years in San Quentin prison in California for possessing 1,400 pounds of explosives he says were intended to blow up the late Martin Luther King.

Robert Jay Mathews was the founder of The Order, which began as a small group that split from the Idaho-based Aryan Nations about a

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According to previously sealed federal documents obtained by The Denver Post last week in Seattle, a pact of violence among core members may have been made on April 1 last year.

That was the day Pierce, Mathews, Gary Lee Yarbrough, Denver Dew Parmenter II, and Randolph George Dury met in Mathews' Metairie Falls, Wash., home to buy life insurance from a Bankers Life of Nebraska agent.

While some of the group signed over their \$50,000 policies to the families of other members, Mathews signed his over to William Pierce and John Ireland, of the Arlington, Va.,-based right-

wing organization called the National Alliance.

William Pierce (apparently not related to Bruce Pierce) was the author of "Turner's Diaries," which became the "bible" of Mathews' group, according to the FBI.

Insurance, then violence

Three weeks after their lives were insured, the armored car heists began. According to an FBI complaint, Mathews, Pierce, Parmenter, Yarbrough, and Dury and several others drew their guns during the robbery at a Seattle mall and held up a sign reading, "Get out or you die."

Agents later found that a car used in the \$500,000 robbery had been purchased by Bruce Pierce for \$900 three days before, according to federal documents.

On June 18, 1984, Denver talk show host Alan Berg drove his Volkswagen convertible into the driveway of his townhouse in east Denver. Exactly how many people were there waiting for him is uncertain.

He was sprayed with bullets fired from a MAC 10 submachine gun.

Denver police soon began searching for Lane after an informant told them Lane may have controlled a weapons cache containing machine guns.

However, little progress was made in the Berg case until FBI agents got into a shootout with Yarbrough at his Sandpoint, Idaho, home on Oct. 18. A search of Yarbrough's home revealed a carrying case. Inside the case was the MAC 10 used to kill Berg.

Involvement denied

Yarbrough, although identified by Denver police as a suspect, has denied any involvement in the Berg shooting. Yarbrough pleaded guilty Friday to 11 of 13 charges of illegally possessing firearms and explosives at his northern Idaho home. He faces trial Wednesday on the two remaining charges of shooting at FBI agents when they approached him at his house.

On July 18, a month after Berg's death, federal documents claim that The Order staged a \$1.6 million armored car heist in San Francisco.

Shortly after that robbery, an informant, placed within the group, began giving information to the FBI.

According to one federal prosecutor, Mathews began revealing his hand. "It was Mathews who had the big mouth," he said. Mathews implicated himself in the two armored car heists and a bank robbery in December 1983.

He also put himself and Pierce at the Berg shooting scene.

However, Mathews' death in late 1984 made the investigation much more difficult.

Cornered by FBI

On Nov. 24, agents cornered Mathews and Yarbrough in a Portland, Ore., motel. A gunbattle ensued in which Yarbrough was captured and Mathews escaped with a bullet wound to the hand.

Safe houses — hideouts — were now the priority for The Order as the federal net tightened. Federal documents showed that The Order rented three houses in Whidbey Island, Wash. Five other homes were rented in the Mount Hood area of Oregon. Pierce had earlier rented alleged safe houses in Salmon, Idaho.

FBI agents cornered Mathews at his Whidbey Island hideout. Surrounded by law officers and FBI and naval helicopters, Mathews allegedly fired a machine gun at agents.

After agents fired a flare into the house, it burned to the ground, killing Mathews.

Shortly before the shootout, in a four-page typewritten note, Mathews wrote, "I am not going into hiding, rather I will press the FBI and let them know what it is like to become the hunted. Doing

so, it is logical to assume that my day on this planet are rapidly drawing to a close."

Pierce was reported to have been on Whidbey Island about the time of the shooting, but wasn't captured.

Case weakened

Mathews' death actually hurt the government's ability to prosecute because some of the evidence connecting Mathews and other neo-Nazis to the armored car heists and the Berg shooting consisted of statements Mathews allegedly made to the government informant.

With Mathews dead, those statements can be challenged as hearsay and their admissibility in court is questionable, prosecutors in the case say.

Gene Wilson, an assistant U.S. attorney in Seattle, said the death could hurt the armored car cases if Mathews' statements "were the only thing we had." However, there's a lot more evidence, including eyewitness identification and strong circumstantial evidence, he said.

In the Berg case, the key evidence is the MAC 10 and whatever testimony from informants can be admitted. So far, no one has been charged in that case.

FBI arrests man suspected of taking loot to neo-Nazis

The Associated Press
SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — FBI agents arrested a man Friday who allegedly delivered a \$30,000 stolen payroll to an underground neo-Nazi white supremacist group known as The Order.

Jackie Lee Norton, 28, of West Plains was arrested near Sparta on a federal complaint alleging that he received, concealed and disposed of \$30,000 in stolen property and that he aided and abetted in the offense. Kansas City FBI spokesman Robert B. Davenport said.

The money was taken last July in an armored car holdup near Ukiah, Calif.

Mr. Norton was arrested about 6 a.m. without incident at a friend's home near Sparta in southwest Missouri, where he was staying with his wife and three children, Mr. Davenport said.

U.S. Magistrate James England in

Springfield on Friday ordered Mr. Norton held without bond pending his removal to Washington state.

Mr. Davenport said Mr. Norton was recruited last August to go to eastern Washington state to conduct paramilitary training for members of The Order.

On Dec. 1, Mr. Norton allegedly went to Spokane, Wash., and used the \$30,000 to "pay the salaries of members of The Order," Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Crum said in Spokane.

John Lamp, U.S. attorney for eastern Washington, said additional federal charges may be filed against Mr. Norton in Idaho, but he wouldn't elaborate.

The alleged payroll delivery would have occurred just a week before the leader of the right-wing underground sect, Robert Mathews of Metaline Falls, Wash., died in a shoot-out with the FBI at Whidbey Island, Wash.

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A handful of new extremists disturbs the peace.

They caught up with Gordon Kahl, the nation's most notorious tax evader, in a concrete bunker of a farmhouse half buried in the scrubby hills of northeastern Arkansas. It was June of 1983, and the North Dakota farmer had been on the run since federal marshals tried to arrest him for probation violations four months before. Kahl, 63, a member of the paramilitary antitax group Posse Comitatus, had escaped after killing two officers and wounding three more. This time more than 40 law-enforcement officers encircled the hideout. Sheriff Gene Matthews bulled through the doorway—and Kahl stepped out from behind a refrigerator and shot him in the side. As Matthews, fatally wounded, crawled away, his comrades raked the bunker with automatic-weapons and shotgun fire, igniting an ammunition cache inside. Explosions echoed through the hills and for almost two hours lighted the sky like a summer storm. Kahl's remains were identified by dental plates.

The morning of Dec. 7, 1984, all shipping on Puget Sound's Admiralty Inlet was halted, all low-level air traffic in the area diverted. Dozens of federal agents, their faces blackened and bodies clothed in camouflage fatigues, moved in on three small homes on Whidbey Island, a 45-mile stretch in the sound north of Seattle. Trapped inside were members of a neo-Nazi guerrilla group that boasted almost as many names—The Order, The White American Bastion, the Silent Brotherhood—as true believers. Brotherhood members were suspects in violent crimes including bank and armored-car robberies—one in California that netted \$3.6 million—and the 1984 murder of Denver radio-talk-show host Alan Berg. One by one they surrendered—except for Robert Matthews, 31, the group's founder. After 35 hours of negotiations and intermittent exchanges of automatic-weapons fire, the agents lighted the house with flares. In the ensuing gun battle, a fire broke out, igniting ammunition stockpiles. Matthews was burned to death. A search of the homes revealed an arsenal of weapons, explosives and ammunition and a document dated Nov. 25, 1984, entitled "Declaration of War." It called for the execution of federal agents, congressmen and judges and the "beheading" of informants—and concluded, "Let the battle begin."

The battle already has. The extreme right has grown a new revolutionary arm. It embraces white supremacists and survivalists, trigger-happy tax resisters and neo-Nazis who believe "Mein Kampf" is the last book of the Bible. Though few in number, they are schooled in the arts of war, heavily armed and inspired by a cockeyed, revisionist Christian theology known as Identity. "These are not a bunch of kooks sitting around contemplating how they can show some muscle," says Buck Revell, assistant FBI director in charge of criminal investiga-

tions. "This is a small cadre of individuals dedicated to violence [and] engaged in paramilitary activities." The right-wing revolt is modeled after a crusade in the fantasy novel "The Turner Diaries," written by American neo-Nazi William Pierce, a former physics professor. In the book an army of white-supremacist superpatriots overthrows a tyrannical American government and—after a murder spree against Jews and other non-Aryans, followed by the nuclear destruction of Israel—ushers in a "Christian" paradise. It is a scenario that writer Murray Kempton describes as "a few Mike Hammers find their rifles and in five years the world is free."

However surreal, the scenario has captured the attention of federal investigative agencies. Though minuscule and without the network of sympathizers that the fringe left enjoyed in the late 1960s and early '70s, the extreme right has evolved into a sophisticated terrorist operation with cells, safe houses, communication blinds and false ID's. Indeed, the FBI has made a top priority of the Silent Brotherhood, a breakaway faction of the Aryan Nations white-supremacy group, and has arrested 18 of its members and associates in the last several months alone. Brotherhood disciple Gary Lee Yarbrough was convicted last week in Boise, Idaho, of assaulting FBI agents. The FBI has found the group's footprints in more than a dozen states. "As far as numbers go, they are fairly insignificant, but there's enough of them that they have a certain capacity to spread their venom," says Revell. "They are probably even more violent than left-wing terrorists and possibly a greater threat to the law-enforcement community."

ZOG: Violence has always been a tool of right-wing extremists. Traditionally, victims were individuals—black men swinging from the cottonwoods, Jews in the rubble of firebombed stores. The new radical right, however, has targeted the U.S. government, which it calls the ZOG, or Zionist Occupational Government. "The Klan in the '20s made a mistake thinking that evil resided in men who came home drunk or in Negroes who walked on the wrong side of the street," says Klansman Thomas Robb, publisher of *The Torch* newsletter. "Today we see the evil is coming out of the government. To go out and shoot a Negro is foolish. It's not the Negro in the alley who's responsible for what's wrong with this country. It's the traitors in Washington."

In the forefront of the new ministries of hate is the Aryan Nations group. On Rimrock Road, amidst the snowy fields of Kootenai County just outside Hayden Lake, Idaho, a neatly lettered sign proclaims the entry to the

at the end of a long driveway. It is manned by armed men, swastika patches in red, white and blue signaling their loyalties. On special occasions riflemen are perched on a tower catwalk above the field where the U.S. flag flies alongside the Confederate flag, the Bonnie Blue and the Nazi swastika. In the tiny church office, stacks of hate literature are piled beside souvenir clasps, belt buckles and coffee mugs; one prominent pamphlet, titled "The Aryan Warrior," portrays that idealized soldier armed with a golden sword and two bolts of lightning, his black-booted foot stomping into submission a dragon embossed with the Soviet hammer and sickle and the Jewish Star of David.

Nearby, on a rolling timbered ridge, is the church where pastor Richard G. Butler of the Aryan Nations preaches his gospel of white, Christian supremacy, Jewish villainy and government treachery. "When the Declaration of Independence talks about 'one people,' it's not talking about a nation made for Asia, Africa, India [or] the Soviet Union," he says. "That's a document based on a Christian people. We have watched like frightened sheep as dogooders sniveling about the underprivileged gleefully grabbed our children by the nape of the neck and rubbed their faces in filth to create equality."

The undergirding of Butler's teaching is Identity theology, a movement founded in 1946 by Ku Klux Klan organizer Wesley Swift. Its doctrines argue that Jesus Christ was an Aryan, not a Jew, that the lost tribes of Israel were the Anglo-Saxon and other Aryan races, that the United States is therefore the Promised Land, and that Jews should be destroyed as the children of Satan. "Identity recognizes that now we're Israel. We don't have to play pansy with Jews over here," explains Robb. Swift, who died in 1970, prophesied in the early '50s that soon "there will not be a Jew in the United States—and by that I mean a Jew that will be able to walk or talk."

Ellipsis: Identity attracts a strange mix of apostles and many variations on its theme. William Potter Gale, a former colonel who served under Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines, preaches from his Ministry of Christ Church in Mariposa, Calif. In one taped sermon he said, "Damn right I'm teaching violence! God said you're gonna do it that way. It's about time somebody is telling you to get violent, whitey. You better start making dossiers, names, addresses, phone numbers, car li-

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...Numbers on every damn Jew rabbit in this land." Yet Gale deplores Butler's approach. "On the other hand, Keitel found Butler not Nazi enough. Gilbert, who served five years in San Quentin for a plot to explode 1,400 pounds of dynamite during a speech by Martin Luther King Jr. to B'nai B'rith, started his Restored Church of Jesus Christ in Post Falls, Idaho. He preaches that Hitler was the reincarnation of the prophet Elijah, that "Mein Kampf" belongs in the Biblical canon and that May 1 of this year—the 40th anniversary of the announcement of Hitler's death—will begin "the terrible day of destruction."

The apocalyptic vision is central to Identity theology, though in a variety of scenarios. Sometimes it's revolution against an evil U.S. government; other times it's the communist menace surging up from Mexico or down from Canada. In any case, the troops are making themselves ready. The Christian-Patriots Defense League, led by John Harrell, a southern Illinois millionaire, holds an annual summer festival at its 232-acre "Mo-Ark Survival Base" in Missouri. Last year's meeting attracted 600 people to sessions on tax-rebellion, first aid and survival—education and skills necessary for a struggle that, Harrell says, will be "worse than Vietnam." Cpl. Don E. Richardson, a Missouri Highway Patrol specialist in right-wing groups, says Harrell is recruiting members who own airplanes in order to build his own air fleet.

The Aryan Nations' two-day summer congress, according to a source at the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League (ADL), included demonstrations of guerrilla skills such as building homemade detonation devices, planting explosives on bridges and railroad tracks and igniting gasoline in city sewer systems. Gordon (Jack) Mohr, the 69-year-old brigadier general in Harrell's militia who gave the lessons in sabotage, says that the instruction is for self-defense only. The ADL, however, is skeptical. "If they're running a course on a state of war against the U.S. government," says David Lehrer, ADL regional counsel in Los Angeles, "no one should be shocked when the people being taught go out and do what they've been talking about." The ADL goes further, charging that at a meeting last year at Stone Mountain, Ga., a traditional Klan gathering site, some right-wing leaders decided to adopt violent, revolutionary tactics. The FBI's Revell would say only that "we are aware of such a meeting."

"Famph's "This is the start of another witch hunt," argues Robert Miles, a former KKK grand dragon and now pastor of the Mountain Church in Cohoctah, Mich. Miles, who served six years in federal prison for a plot to blow up school buses shortly before court-ordered busing was to begin in Pontiac, Mich., concedes there is "a lot of communication, a lot of discussion," but no conspiracy. "The government is the biggest conspiracy on earth," he says. "They see a mirror image of themselves in every problem."

The radical right and its opponents do

...ce, however, that right-wing violence will escalate. "There are young, very intelligent white Aryan people who are starting to come forth instinctively, realizing that it is the extermination of the white race that is the goal of our adversaries," says Butler. Tom Metzger, a former California KKK grand dragon and a Democratic nominee for Congress in 1980, agrees. He says violence has finally enabled the extreme right to be more than just "the pimple on the butt of the conservative movement... no philosophy has ever gained power by writing and thinking about it."

To enhance its fighting capability, the far right is recruiting in the nation's jails. George Stout, a Texas Aryan Nations and Klan leader, says the prison network is extensive; in one Texas prison alone, more than 300 inmates are on the Aryan Nations mailing list. Aryan Nations supporter Donny Harvey, who is serving 34 years in a Texas maximum-security prison, has filed a freedom-of-religion lawsuit alleging that he was denied the right to practice Identity doctrine or to have visits from an Identity minister. "Can you imagine?" says Gilbert. "We've got a guy on death row in Ohio and they won't even let him have a copy of "Mein Kampf"."

Authorities in many states argue for hot pursuit of the radical right. In Wisconsin the Posse Comitatus's two most prominent leaders were jailed for impersonating public officials. As a result, Posse headquarters there—"Constitution Township of Tiger-ton Dells"—has evolved from a vigilante stronghold into something of a ghost town. "Whenever we stood up to Posse people and brought the forces of law to bear, 9 times out of 10 they backed off," said Wisconsin Attorney General Bronson La Follette. Posse recruitment among Kansas farmers was hampered by a very visible police presence at farm sales. Kansas Attorney General Robert Stephan says he confronted the group publicly to reveal "how despicable and anti-Kansan and anti-American their message of hate was." He adds, "History has shown that those who preach hate and violence don't survive well in the sunlight."

Hard Core: But Posse leader Donald Minniecheske, recently released after 11 months in a Wisconsin prison, insists the Posse is still flourishing—only underground. And hate groups gone underground have proved extremely dangerous in the past. Ironically, any threat now stems from weakness, not strength. The Reagan revolution has drawn many far-right sympathizers into the new conservative mainstream and, just as the liberal '60s did to the left wing, further radicalized the diehards—leaving them more alienated and desperate than ever. "The hard core pretty much wind up out there by themselves," says Vincent Ryan, managing editor of *The Spotlight*, an influential publication of the extreme right. His paper's circulation has been cut almost in half, to 166,000, without "a Carter to push around."

But while the right-wing menace may prove no threat to the government of the United States (or even, says the ADL's Irwin Small, "to the government of Hayden Lake, Idaho") it cannot be measured by numbers alone. Over the past couple of decades the

...right's anti-wing counterparty is the Weather Underground, the Symbolic Liberation Army and the Black Liberation Army—have proved capable of causing trouble and attracting attention out of all proportion to their size or real power in the American political process.

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 ■ Randall E. Rader, a reputed member of a violent white supremacist organization, was arrested Friday by FBI agents in Spokane, Wash.

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1984 Murder Is Cited

BOISE, Idaho, March 2 (UPI) — The Idaho Statesman reported Friday that investigators believed Walter Earl West, 42, was killed last year because he could not keep secrets about The Order. Wayne Manis, an F.B.I. agent at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, confirmed that Mr. West's disappearance last May was being treated as a homicide but that the bureau would not say it was a killing by neo-Nazis.

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20 Held in 7 States in Sweep of Nazis Arming for 'War' on U.S.

By WAYNE KING

Special to The New York Times

HOUSTON, March 2 — Federal agents investigating an armed neo-Nazi group that stole more than \$4 million to finance a "war" against the United States have arrested more than 20 people in seven states. But the agents have recovered little of the money and are still gathering evidence on other suspects.

They are seeking key figures in the group after arrests and indictments in Alabama, California, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington.

Members of the group, known as the Order, or the Silent Brotherhood, have been linked to armed robberies of banks and armored cars, counterfeiting, armed attacks on Federal officials and the killing of Alan Berg, host of a Denver talk show.

Federal investigators say at least four members of the Order took part in the fatal shooting of Mr. Berg outside his Denver home last June 18.

Data Going to a Grand Jury

Links are also being sought between the Order and armed rightist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and the

American Nazis, and much of the information is being conveyed to a Federal grand jury in Seattle.

The jury is looking into the possibility of a broadly based rightist extremist movement dedicated to armed assault on the Government, which the extremists maintain has been taken over by Jews.

Among those called before the jury, according to a source close to the inquiry, was Richard Girt Butler, 65 years old, head of the Aryan Nations, a large neo-Nazi group based in Hayden Lake, Idaho.

The source said Mr. Butler had been asked about his relationship with some Order members who were in or had been in the Aryan Nations and have been charged with robberies. Several of the men, including Robert Mathews, 31, the founder of the Order, were described as "heroes" by Mr. Butler.

Search On for \$4 Million

Mr. Mathews was killed Dec. 8 on an island in Puget Sound when a house where he was hiding was set afire by a flare dropped from a helicopter of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He had fired a submachine gun at Federal officers who surrounded the house. Mr. Butler was also reported to have been asked to turn over his membership list, which he has said has as many as 6,000 names.

Federal agents continued their search for \$4 million said to have been taken from banks and armored cars by members of the Order to finance their "war" against the Government.

The robberies included an assault last June in which a dozen men with automatic weapons took \$3.6 million from an armored car at Ukiah, Calif. The Federal authorities have arrested several members of the Order and are seeking others.

According to an affidavit filed in connection with a request for a search warrant, the authorities believe much of the stolen money may have been put in safe-deposit boxes or secreted on a farm at Lone, Wash., purchased by a man the affidavit calls the "banker" for the Order.

The affidavit, prepared by James Davis of the Spokane office of the F.B.I., was based on information from five informers, including two who are said to have participated in the Ukiah robbery.

The informers said a man who has been identified but not yet indicted was given the code name "Marbles" and assigned to parcel out money stolen in robberies to buy arms, vehicles, survival gear and rent hideouts.

The affidavit said the informers had told investigators the man would not participate directly in robberies or other illegal acts but rather would remain in the background as "banker," holding and concealing the proceeds of "the Order's" illegal activities.

According to the affidavit, members of the Order met a month after the Ukiah robbery and Mr. Mathews, the leader, authorized payment of \$40,000 to each active participant in the robbery and \$10,000 each to support personnel. "The balance was to be held for future needs of the Order," the affidavit says.

\$1 Million Reported Buried

One informer said more than \$1 million dollars was delivered to the "banker" "to be secreted on his farm until needed."

An Assistant United States Attorney in Seattle said only about \$110,000 taken

from robberies had been recovered. "They spent a lot on cars and houses and trips," he said. "We're in the process of adding it all up."

A message on the Aryan Nations' "Liberty Network," a computerized bulletin board, announced that a memorial to Robert Mathews, "freedom fighter and folk hero," would be set up.

"On it," the message says, "the inscription will include the words, 'not the first nor the last.' The network was set up by Louis Beam, a Ku Klux Klansman affiliated with the Aryan Nations.

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Probe of neo-Nazis spans U.S.

by Peter Lewis
Times staff reporter

The probe began quietly on the East Coast last summer and slowly moved west.

To date, some 200 federal agents across the nation have become involved in the pursuit of The Order, a Northwest-based, neo-Nazi group suspected in the murder of Jewish talk-show host Alan Berg, and a string of armed robberies in which more than \$4 million was taken.

So far, 18 people have been arrested in eight states on a variety of charges. Warrants exist for several fugitives, some of whose identities remain secret.

And late last week, the FBI confirmed that it is treating the disappearance of an Idaho man as a murder and in connection with the investigation of The Order.

The FBI believes that former Aryan Nations Church member Walter Earl West, 41, who disappeared from his home near the Bonner-Kootenai County line last May, was murdered, said Agent Wayne Martin of Coeur d'Alene. Reports attributed to an unidentified investigator said that West may have been slain because he could not keep secrets about The Order.

The large scale investigation of The Order apparently started last June with the arrest of 23-year-old Thomas Allen Martinez in Philadelphia. Martinez, who later pleaded guilty to counterfeit-money charges, reportedly cut a deal with authorities. In exchange for government protection and a light sentence — three years' probation — Martinez apparently agreed to provide information about a Northwest-based neo-Nazi group with plans to overthrow the government.

Authorities will not confirm or deny if the Philadelphia man played a pivotal role in the early stages of the case.

What is known is that if Martinez did infiltrate The Order, his

presence failed to tip authorities to a series of crimes which have since been linked to the white-supremacist group.

Authorities say The Order was set up by Robert J. Mathews, among others, to be a national underground organization using guerrilla tactics to finance various white-supremacy groups. A plan to

with money from armed robberies; recruit new members; assassinate alleged "enemies" and, finally, begin the guerrilla movement itself and form an army. Along the way, The Order also planned the extermination of Jews and other minorities and the rise of the "Aryan race."

Last December on Whidbey Island, FBI agents recovered an eight-page "Declaration of War" that was dated Nov. 25, 1984, and was signed by 12 persons, including Mathews, who described themselves as representatives of the Aryan Resistance Movement.

In the declaration, obtained by The Denver Post last week, the resistance members promise to kill all politicians, judges, journalists, bankers, soldiers, police officers and federal agents who get in their way.

The declaration addresses members of Congress, accusing them of betrayal in Vietnam, subservience to Israel, and allowing the Soviet Union to gain military supremacy.

"When the Day comes, we will not ask whether you swung to the right or whether you swung to the left; we will simply swing you by your neck," the declaration says of congressmen.

In addition to threatening lawmakers, it says that any "agent of the Zionist Occupation Government of North America" will be "considered to be our enemy. . . anyone who takes it upon himself (sic) to oppose us intentionally, willfully and actively we consider to be our mortal enemy."

Tractors will be hunted like dogs, the paper said. " . . . With these things said, let the battle begin."

Federal prosecutors reportedly are taking the unusual step of preparing a racketeering indictment against The Order. Racketeering indictments almost always refer to a criminal "enterprise" set up to further a drug empire, extortion ring, or the like. In the case of The Order, the object of the criminal enterprise would be political revolution.

More than a half dozen suspected neo-Nazis are being sought by federal authorities for specific crimes. The Order, an extremist splinter group of the Idaho-based Aryan Nations Church, is believed by authorities to have between 20 and 30 members.

Officials emphasize that they are seeking those who have committed crimes, not the Aryan Nations Church itself.

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Members of The Order have been linked to the slaying last summer of Denver radio talk show personality Alan Berg, who was killed by machine-gun fire outside his home last June 18. Berg was outspoken in his views against racism.

The men authorities say they are most anxious to catch is Bruce Carroll Pierce, who is believed to have taken over the reins of The Order after Mathews' death.

Two weeks ago, a San Francisco federal grand jury indicted Pierce and two former Brink's employees for conspiring to steal \$30 million from the main Brink's vault in San Francisco. The planned heist was called off after Mathews' death, authorities say.

Along the way, the investigation has led to numerous peripheral arrests involving people who reportedly belong to sympathetic organizations, such as the Ku Klux Klan. Seattle federal court papers show that Mathews had intended to relocate from the Northwest to the Southeast or Southwest and establish a new "safe house."

Authorities have expressed satisfaction with the number of arrests but they are less optimistic about the government's chances of recovering the bulk of the \$4 million taken in two armored-car robberies in Washington and California last year.

A large amount of money remains unaccounted for and probably always will be, said a source close to the case. Authorities believe much of the money has been spent.

Search warrants indicate that those arrested have spent freely on automobiles and personal consumer items, including video equipment and major appliances for "safe houses" that were abandoned as soon as occupants thought the FBI was on their trail.

Other money apparently was spent to buy vehicles used in the bank heists and to purchase life-insurance policies.

For example, three vehicles used by robbers in the \$3.6 million heist of an armored truck in Ukiah, Calif., last July, were purchased by three men who answered want ads and paid for each vehicle with \$1,000 in cash stuffed in a white envelope, authorities said.

Three weeks before the Ukiah robbery, a former agent for a Nebraska insurance company was asked to come to Mathews' Eastern Washington home in Metaline Falls, Pend Oreille County. The insurance agent met with Mathews, Denver Daw Parmenter II, Bruce Carroll Pierce, Gary Lee Yarbrough and Randolph George Duey, and sold a \$30,000 policy to each of the five men. Mathews, who bought two for himself, paid for at least four of the policies in cash. Duey listed the wives of Mathews and Yarbrough as his beneficiaries, while Mathews listed "William Pierce" and "John Ireland" as his beneficiaries.

Mathews told the insurance man that Pierce and Ireland were officials of an organization known as the "National Alliance," which is a white-supremacist group headquartered in Washington, D.C., according to the FBI.

Three federal agencies — the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the Secret Service, — have been involved in the case.

It isn't certain where the government intends to prosecute the suspects, although Seattle seems a likely choice. The U.S. attorney's office here declines to confirm it, but defense attorneys for neo-Nazi suspects in custody here have said that they have been told by Seattle federal prosecutors that a racketeering indictment is coming.

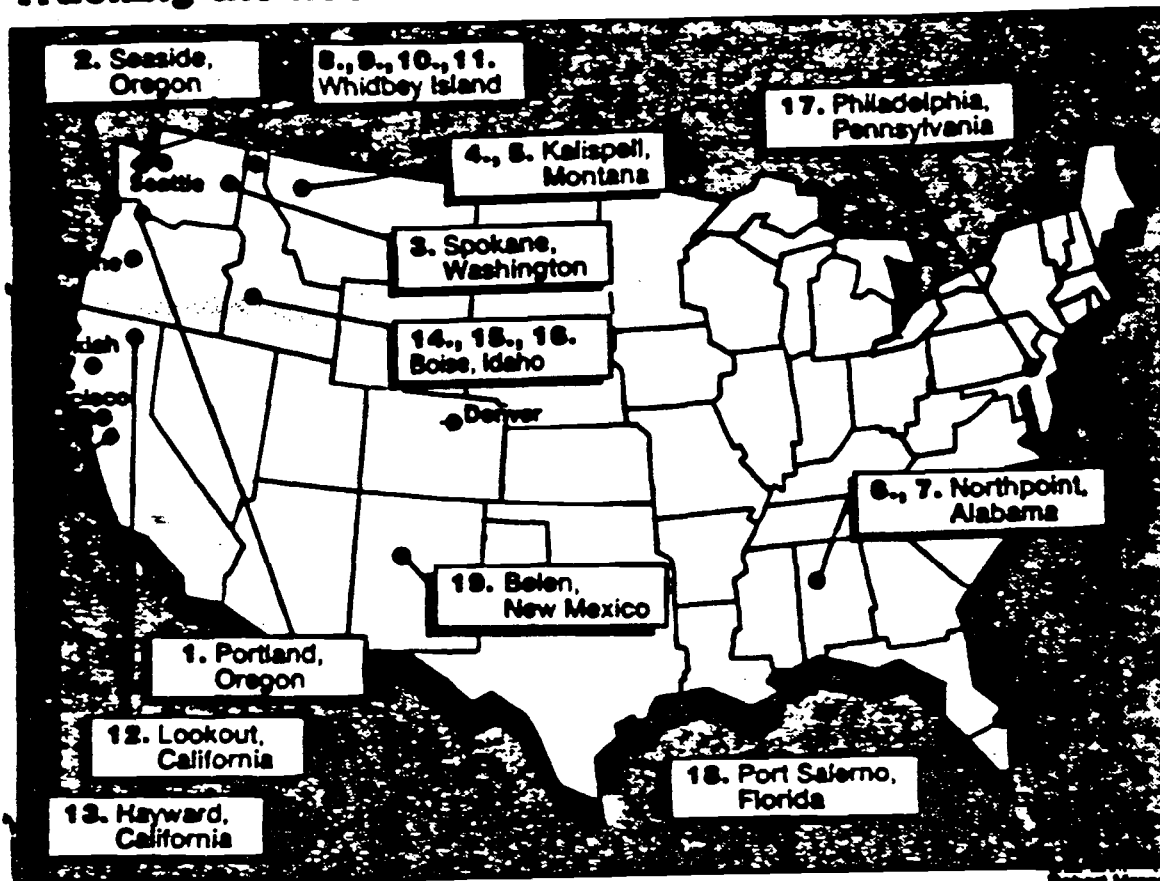
Racketeering charges also could be brought in San Francisco, where 12 people linked to The Order have been accused of participating in last July's \$3.6 million robbery of a Brink's armored truck.

Six people, some of whom also have been charged in the San Francisco case, have been charged by the U.S. attorney's office in Seattle with participating in last April's \$500,000 robbery of a Continental Armored Transport truck at Northgate.



Mark McVay 7 Seattle Times, 1994
An FBI agent removes materials from the burned ruins of a Whidbey Island house in which Robert Mathews died in December.

Tracking the neo-Nazis



Crimes laid to web of suspects with white-supremacist ideology

1 Gary Lee Yarbrough, 29, of Sandpoint, Idaho; arrested Nov. 24, 1984, in Portland. Charged with assaulting a federal officer in Sandpoint in October. Also a fugitive on a 1983 counterfeit charge in Oregon. Also charged with the \$500,000 robbery of a Continental Armored Transport Inc., truck at Northgate Mall in Seattle on April 25, 1984, and will be charged with the \$3.6 million robbery of a Brink's armored truck in Ukiah, Calif., on July 19, 1984, prosecutors said. In custody in Idaho.

2 Denver Dew Parmenter II, 32, of Cheney, arrested Dec. 18, 1984, in Seaside, Ore. Charged with the \$500,000 Seattle job and with the \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in Oregon.

3 James Dye, 35, of Spokane, formerly of Philadelphia, arrested on Jan. 7, 1985, in Spokane. Charged with \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in Spokane.

4 Andrew V. Barnhill, 28, of Florida, arrested Jan. 7, 1985, in Kalispell, Montana. Charged in \$500,000 Seattle job and in \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in Montana.

5 Richard Harold Kemp, 22, of California, arrested Jan. 7, 1985, in Kalispell, Montana. Charged in \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in Montana.

6 Michael Stanley Norris, 25, of Northport, Ala., arrested near there Jan. 10, 1985. Charged with being an accessory after the fact for the \$3.6 million Ukiah job and with harboring Robert J. Matthews, white-supremacist leader who died in a shootout with FBI agents on Whidbey Island last Dec. 8. Matthews also was suspected in the Ukiah and Seattle robberies, plus the \$25,000 robbery of Seattle City Bank, Innis Arden Office, on Dec. 20, 1983, and the \$44,000 robbery of a Continental Armored Transport, Inc., truck on March 16, 1984. Norris is in custody in Alabama.

7 Mark Frank Jones, 26, of Northport, Ala., arrested near there Jan. 10, 1985. Charged with being an accessory after the fact for the \$3.6 million Ukiah job and with harboring Mathews. In custody in Alabama.

8 Randolph George Duse, 33, most recently of Whidbey Island, arrested there on Dec. 7, 1984. Charged with harboring Mathews, firearms violations; and \$500,000 Seattle job. Also will be charged in \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in Seattle.

9 Robert E. Merkl, 50, most recently of Whidbey Island, arrested there on Dec. 7, 1984. Fugitive from counterfeiting charges in Oregon. Charged with firearms violations and harboring Mathews. In custody in Seattle.

10 Sharon K. Merkl, 47, most recently of Whidbey Island, arrested there on Dec. 7, 1984. Fugitive from counterfeiting charges in Oregon. Charged with firearms violations and harboring Mathews. In custody in Seattle.

11 Ian Roy Stewart, 20, (stepson of Merkl's) most recently of Whidbey Island, arrested there on Dec. 7, 1984. Charged with harboring Mathews. In custody in Seattle.

12 Charles E. Ostrout, 51, of Lookout, Calif., arrested there Jan. 30, 1985. Charged with conspiring to rob main Brink's vault in San Francisco and with aiding and abetting in \$3.6 million Ukiah job. In custody in California.

13 Ronald A. King, 45, of Hayward, Calif., arrested there Jan. 30, 1985. Charged with conspiring to rob main Brink's vault in San Francisco. In custody in California.

14 Suzanne Hamilton, 27, of Boise, (Sharon Merkl's daughter) arrested there Jan. 18, 1985. Charged with receiving stolen property, part of Ukiah loot. In custody in Idaho.

15 Jean Craig, 50, of Boise, arrested there Jan. 18, 1985. Charged with re-

ceiving stolen property, part of Ukiah loot. At a halfway house in Idaho.

16 Eric Tomatzky, 30, of Boise, arrested there Jan. 20, 1985. Charged with passing counterfeit money in Oregon. Husband of Suzanne Hamilton, son-in-law of Sharon Merkl. Released from jail in Eugene on Feb. 15, 1985.

17 Thomas Allen Martinez, 29, of Philadelphia, arrested there June 29, 1984. Charged with passing counterfeit bills. Three years probation. Reportedly turned informant and entered Federal Witness Protection Program. Whereabouts unknown.

18 Frank Scutari, 40, of Port Salerno, Fla., arrested there Feb. 20, 1985. Charged with being an accessory after the fact for the Ukiah heist. He is the brother of Richard Scutari, who is among the dozen charged in the Ukiah job. In custody on \$350,000 bond in Florida.

19 Gregory Lane Pierce, 36, of Missoula, Mont., brother of Bruce Carroll Pierce, alleged leader of the neo-Nazi group known as "The Order," arrested Feb. 22, 1985, in Belen, N.M., about 30 miles south of Albuquerque. Charged with giving false statements to the FBI, possessing false identification and with being an accessory after the fact in the Brink's robbery.

Known warrants outstanding:

David Lane, 46, formerly of Denver, for counterfeit charge in Philadelphia, also wanted for questioning in connection with June 18, 1984, murder of Jewish talk-show host Alan Berg of Denver.

Bruce Carroll Pierce, 30, a Kentucky native who later lived in Eastern Washington, is charged with the Ukiah and Seattle robberies, as well as the planned, but not pulled off, robbery of the main Brink's vault in San Francisco.

Frank Silva of Los Angeles, charged with participating in the Brink's job.

Richard Scutari of Florida, brother of Frank Scutari, charged with harboring Mathews when he was on Whidbey Island.

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'Dragons of God': A little less of the fire-breathing, please

By Jon Anderson
 TV critic

'Dragons of God," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday on WMAQ-Ch. 5, is an expansion of previous reports by anchor/reporter Carol Marin on "Whites of the Far Right" and bristles with such words as "shocking," "frightening" and "terrifying." Luckily, the rhetoric seems to outweigh the current threat.

Marin and co-producers Doug Longhini and Don Moseley do an able job of rounding up footage of recent crimes linked to right-wing hate movements, including the murder of Denver talk show host Alan Berg. They also visit an Arkansas boot camp run by a paramilitary quasi-Christian organization called the Covenant, Sword and Arm of the Lord and, in another sequence, show a person in a Ku Klux Klan hat working a video display terminal.

From that, they argue that bigots and zealots now are setting

up "a frightening, new network of racial extremist groups with sophisticated mass communication and computer systems to better reach their terrifying goals."

Backing this assertion is an FBI spokesman who notes an upsurge in street gang activity in support of white supremacy. Art Jones, identified as a representative of America First, adds that Chicago "is one of the hottest areas in the country for movements of the Right."

A problem here is putting such assertions in perspective. For example, it is right to be concerned about the racist mouthings of Gary Kallas, leader of a Chicago gang. But the alarm is muted since Kallas is in prison, the result of a drug deal that went awry.

Keeping a news media spotlight on hate groups is an effective way to keep their venomous activities in check. That's the value of programs such as this one. They may err a bit toward drama, but as Marin notes: "To be forewarned is to be forearmed."

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NEWARK — Radicals face March 4 trial: An indictment against Susan Lisa Rosenberg, 29, and Timothy H. Blunk, 27, will not be dismissed, says a federal judge. The self-proclaimed radicals face charges of possessing weapons, explosives and identification cards from agencies such as the FBI.

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Witness Against Neo-Nazis Hangs Himself in Idaho Jail

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 25 (AP) — A former member of the Aryan Nations, a neo-Nazi group, hanged himself in a jail cell Saturday, one day after testifying before a grand jury in a case involving the group, authorities said.

Eugene T. Kinerk, 22, who was expected to testify in other criminal cases against members of the white supremacist group, was found hanging from a vent by a torn bed sheet shortly after noon, United States Marshal Blaine Skinner said.

Mr. Skinner said Mr. Kinerk had testified in Seattle before a grand jury in a case involving the Aryan Nations. On the trip back, Mr. Kinerk threatened escape or suicide, the marshal said.

He said Mr. Kinerk left a note, whose contents he did not disclose.

Mr. Kinerk was in custody in connection with the Nov. 18 robbery of the Pacific Beach branch of Grays Harbor Bank near Seattle. Authorities said \$7,152 was taken.

He was arrested Nov. 21 near Spokane, Wash., where he was stopped for a traffic violation, but managed to escape. He was rearrested Dec. 11 in the home of an Aryan Nations member in Careywood, officials said.

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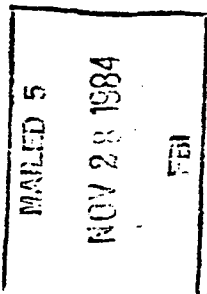
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Dear [REDACTED]

Per our discussion of today's date, I am enclosing the Houston Post article regarding the arrest of suspects involved in various airborne bank heists.

b7C Could you please attempt to ascertain whether any of the arrestees have any connection to either the KKK, the Aryan Nations, or [REDACTED] Thanks.

Sincerely,

Wm. Bradford Reynolds
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

Mark B. Harmon
Attorney
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4 Houstonians linked to airborne bank heists

By JIM NEWKIRK
Post Reporter

Three daring bank robberies in Texas, Louisiana and Nevada in which heavily armed men used aircraft in airborne assaults are definitely related, a federal official said Thursday.

The latest arrest warrant issued in the investigation brings to at least four the number of Houston area men linked to the robberies.

An FBI spokesman said James Richard Little, 40, is being sought in connection with a July 20 robbery at a bank in Valley View, near Dallas, by five men with automatic weapons and flying a helicopter. The men escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash.

FBI special agent Bill Jansen in Las Vegas said evidence indicates that the three robberies "are all connected."

On Feb. 16, five men armed with automatic weapons and identified

as police officers used a helicopter to rob a Leesville, La., bank near Fort Polk. The airborne assault netted about \$163,000.

On Sept. 7, two men flying a small plane landed at Overton, Nev., near Las Vegas, robbed the bank of \$114,680, then fled in the plane.

FBI agents were able to get a break in the case through prescription drugs left at the scene.

Two other Houston area men have been arrested in the Nevada bank robbery, and a third is being sought on warrants. Charles Ray Holden, 28, surrendered to police in Hemphill Oct. 10 after being named in an indictment in Las Vegas. Russell Earl Auzston, 36, of Conroe was arrested in Las Vegas and was arraigned Oct. 5. Bail was set at \$500,000.

In addition to Little, a warrant has been issued for Marvin Rodgers, 39, of Houston.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

To

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From

Wm. Bradford Reynolds
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

These allegations indicate possible violations of 18 U.S.C. 241 and 42 U.S.C. 3631. Accordingly, please conduct the following limited investigation:

1. Interview the alleged victim.
2. Interview any identified subjects.
3. Obtain copies of any pertinent official reports.
4. Identify and interview any eyewitnesses whose accounts of the incidents are not made available in official reports.

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THE TRAIL FROM THREE RACIAL SLAYINGS LEADS BACK TO A RING OF NEO-NAZI FANATICS IN IDAHO

Two weeks ago, Frank Spisak Jr., an avowed neo-Nazi convicted of the brutal 1982 murders of two blacks and a white maintenance man he mistakenly identified as "a Jewish professor," stood calmly in a Cleveland courtroom as he was sentenced to die in the electric chair. "Even though the court may pronounce me guilty a thousand times, the higher court of our great Aryan warrior god pronounces me innocent," Spisak exclaimed. "I do hereby set the example for our loyal Aryan Nation. Many more will come after me." He then threw up his arm in a Nazi salute. "Heil, Hitler."

Spisak's neighbors in Cleveland's near East Side had long dismissed him as a harmless oddball who lived alone in a shabby, one-room apartment and celebrated American holidays by unfurling a swastika banner from his window and blaring Hitler's Nuremberg speeches into the street below. For six months in 1982, however, the unemployed machinist was a self-appointed assassin who, armed with a .22-caliber pistol concealed inside a hollowed-out biography of Adolf Hitler, carried out racist "search and destroy" missions on the streets of Cleveland. Arrested last September after neighbors complained he was firing his pistol from his window, Spisak readily confessed to the murder spree. He later testified that his object was to kill "as many [blacks and Jews] as I could before I get caught. One thousand, one million, the more the better."

Most chilling, however, was the indication that Spisak was the first metastasis of a cancer which has taken root in the remote backwoods of Idaho. The cancer is a white supremacist paramilitary group known as the



Frank Spisak Jr. in a courtroom. He is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. His hands are behind his back.

Aryan Nation, which has established an armed camp at Hayden Lake in Kootenai County there. Frank Spisak is a lieutenant in an Aryan Nation splinter group known as the Social Nationalist Aryan People's Party, formed in near-by Post Falls by an ex-convict named Keith Gilbert. In 1979, Spisak was charged under direct orders of the group to "kill niggers and the last one is dead," Spisak claims he was sent to take refuge in the Idaho wilderness before his arrest. "I was going to go up there and join the fight," he testified, "and I was welcomed by a group of people who keep waiting

round the block, the 100 members who gather at the compound are led by self-styled pastor Richard Butler. Butler settled at the 20-acre Hayden Lake compound with a small group of followers in 1978, after authorities confiscated five tons of munitions—including machine guns, mortars, land mines and napalm—from a concrete bunker Butler's group had built near Lancaster, Calif. (Two of his subordinates were convicted in 1979 of illegal weapons possession.) Obsessed with fantasies of carving out an all-white dominion within North America, the neo-Nazis were drawn to Kootenai County by the region's remoteness and its almost total absence of racial minorities: Of the 60,000 people scattered out over the county's 1,300 square miles, only 17 are black and 50 are Jewish.

From their encampment Aryan Nation members spew forth hate books, pamphlets and tape recordings for sale to sympathizers around the state. The 20 children who attend the compound school receive daily instruction, says teacher Cynthia Cutler, "in the four Rs—reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic and race." Every Sunday, worshippers flock to the white clapboard "chapel" to hear Butler deliver vicious sermons advocating the banishment of Jews and blacks and praising the legacy of Adolf Hitler. They customarily join hands in rousing recitations of the Aryan Victory March as Butler's armed, uniformed henchmen—including several ex-convicts and the former Grand Dragon of the Texas KKK—keep silent watch from the rear.

Had the neo-Nazi fanatics been content to isolate themselves at Hayden Lake, they probably would not have aroused such a public outcry. But the group's growing numbers, its violent activities and its openly admitted ties to the Aryan Nation have spurred local and state authorities to take action.

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The boomers and grove growers in the East and West regions are making the most of their musical, them over ever, the best for you. However, it has been a hard time lately through out the country and a rash of rock and roll bands have been going to the south and started to move into the Bay State and South West states. Several have appeared on the scene, one of the most posters featuring the image of a black man and the legend "A black man is your target." The band is called "The Blackening" and is based out of automatic rifle the boomers and from the forest stronghold, where the group is believed to have a large cache of weapons.

Whatever doubts remained about the group's virulence were dispelled in July 1992, when more than 500 white supremacists converged on Hayden Lake for a conference whose guest list, say authorities, reads like a Who's Who of the right-wing extremist movement in America. One attendee was Gertrude Roeder, wife of Manfred Roeder, a leader in the neo-Nazi movement in Germany, now jailed for terrorist activity in that country. According to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, most of the hate groups represented at the conference are loosely allied in what is called the Christian Identity movement. In addition to the Aryan Nation, they include People's Church, the Christian Identity League, the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord, and the Christian Patriots Defense League. Estimates of their total membership range from 5,000 to 50,000.

The Dryer Mayor's ties with violence-prone extremist groups, coupled with his own hate-filled rhetoric, have cast a pall of menace in northern Idaho; the state's Human Rights Commission has reported that incidents of racial harassment in Kootenai County have grown 350 percent since 1970. It's a powderkeg, no doubt about it," says Kootenai County Deputy Attorney Roger Hood. "It could be five years or it could be five days before it blows here and we could lose 500 families."

Noted in that Community Relations Section of the U.S. Justice Department, Hood says that the greatest fear is that of a confrontation between the population and the police, recalling the murder of two graders of the Los Angeles Police in North Bayview last week, allegedly by Latin American members of the Black Panther Party.



Neo-Nazi leader Keith Gilbert admires Marshall Winger Kahl, who allegedly killed two U.S. marshals. "Shame he didn't get two or three more," says Gilbert.

arrest Kahl for violating probation in an income tax case. Kahl, a member of the racist paramilitary group Posse Comitatus, was killed in a shootout with Arkansas police in June and is viewed as a martyr by Aryan Nation members, whose leaders seem eager to cultivate a trigger-happy image. "We have arms," says Butler flatly, "and we are ready to use them."

Meanwhile, the Idaho neo-Nazi have resorted to psychological warfare to drive out Kootenai County's few minority residents. High on their list has been Connie Fort, 42, the mother of three children by her two ex-husbands, the first an American Indian and second a black. She moved to rural West Coeur d'Alene, a town of 20,000 from Los Angeles in 1976 because the Idaho backcountry seemed a secure haven for her family. For six uneventful years, Coople rented a home on a tree-lined street and sent her children

Debbie Fort with Melissa and Lamar, who was almost run down by a car. "A child and someone tried to kill him," she says.

to local schools. Then, a year ago, Lamar Fort, Coople's 13-year-old son by his second husband, was accosted in a neighbor's yard by Keith Gilbert. "I told them I was going to repeat the obscene words," says Connie. "I went out

and he was calling Lamar a little boy. I was in a state of shock, I didn't know anybody talked to a child" as that."

For the Forts, the ugly encounter with Gilbert was just the beginning of a long battle with their neighbors. "I was in a state of shock, I didn't know anybody talked to a child" as that."

For Dutch Boy Connie Fort there are frightening parallels between the Idaho Nazis who persecute her now and the German Nazis who attacked Amsterdam when she was living there as a child. "I watched the Nazis take people away," she recalls. "For these things to happen now in the great beautiful United States is amazing."

Another local resident singled out by the neo-Nazis is widower Sid Rosen, 62, who, together with his 9-year-old son, Sam, constitutes the entire Jewish population of Hayden Lake. One morning in January 1981 he arrived to open the steakhouse restaurant he had owned for 18 years and discovered Nazi swastikas and the words

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Trouble

"Low swine" scrawled in black paint over the entire building. Rosen, who was thinking of getting out of the business anyway, sold the restaurant in May 1982 and now spends his time chopping wood, raising 24 head of cattle on his 80-acre ranch—and worrying about the safety of his son. "The last year I've gotten pretty nervous," says Rosen. "I'm afraid I'll find a letter in my mailbox or that they'll kill my kid. I won't tell you what I'll do if they harm a hair on my boy's head."

Rosen believes the instigator of the harassment is Connie Fort's tormentor, Keith Gilbert, whose past history shows that he is capable of more than idle threats. Gilbert served five years in San Quentin prison (1964-1969) for the assault of a black man ("He yelled at me so I shot him twice—I should have killed him") and illegal possession of dynamite, discovered in a police raid on his L.A. apartment. ("I was planning to use it to blow up Martin Luther King when he was speaking to

500 Jews at the Palladium in L.A.," Gilbert, who goes to trial on Oct. 6 in Coeur d'Alene on charges of assault, says about 500 Miles, denies being a Jew. "I'm a hunting dog," he says. "I'm a hunting dog, and I'm a hunting dog." He says he's easy. Gilbert, Butler, and his wife, Jean, have a pro-backlash. Local law enforcement has only have personal. Coeur d'Alene has also helped to prompt the state legislature to enact a new law went into effect last month. The harassment of anyone for religious or racial reasons a felony punishable by five years in prison. "The new state law will signal to white supremacists that Idaho is no longer a safe haven," says Marilyn Smith, director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission. County Prosecutor Walker is planning to confiscate Butler's property should he fail to re-

ceive payment of back taxes, claiming tax exemptions as a trader, though the county does not recognize the Syrian Nation as a church. Inflammatory statements such as Gilbert's failed to "kill" Rogers until the last one "killed" says Walker, are protected by Constitutional guarantees of free speech. So far, it seems, Gilbert's hateful statements have not crossed the line separating lawful expression from criminal incitement to violence. "But as soon as their beliefs turn into action," says Walker, "the law will rise against them."

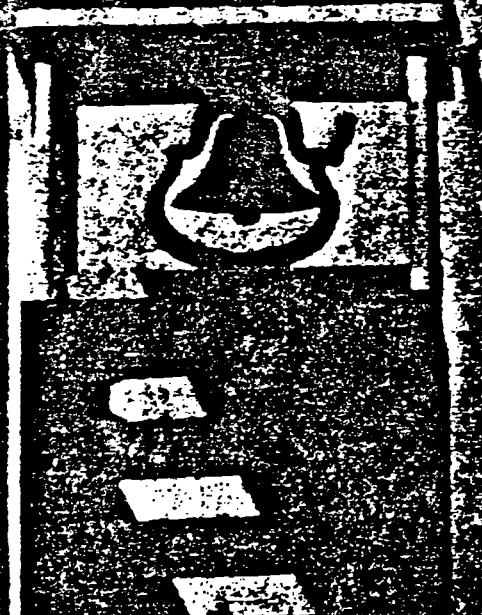
That prospect offers small comfort to Connie Fort, who has watched the neo-Nazi hate campaign transform her once-outgoing son Lamar into a moody, nightmare-ridden little boy. "I'm afraid to go out at night," admits Connie as she chain-smokes in her Coeur d'Alene living room. "Just knowing they're out there with their guns terrifies me." Written by JOSEPH HAMMER, reported by BILL SHAW

"I'd kill my daughter if she married a black man," vows neo-Nazi leader Richard Butler, leading his flock in a salute to racial purity.



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TRANSMIT VIA: Airtel

CLASSIFICATION: _____

DATE: September 23, 1983

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, Butte

UNSUBS;
MEMBERS OF ARYAN NATION,
COLUR D'ALENE, IDAHO;

DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING
OO: BUTTE

Re Bureau telcal to Butte on 9/23/83.

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 9/15/83.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 177,
Manual of Investigative Operations and Guidelines, and surep within 21 workdays of the receipt of this
communication.

Advise ☒ all persons interviewed
☒ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific
request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Remarks: Butte should consider UNSUBS "ARMED AND DANGEROUS" and extreme
caution should be used during any contact with them. Do not conduct
investigation requested in lead number 2 of attached request. Contact
local authorities and obtain results of local investigation. Submit
FD-610 within 5 workdays of receipt of this communication.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/4/83

FROM: SAC, BUTTE (177A-21)

ATTENTION: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT1. ☒ Initial submission ☐ supplemental submission ☐ revision

2. File No: 177A-21 (include alpha)

3. Status: P (P - pending, P* - pending inactive, C - closed, RUC - referred upon completion)4. Title: UNSUBS;
MEMBERS OF ARYAN NATION,
COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO;
[REDACTED]
DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING
OO: Butte

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5. If Title changed, show previous Title:

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7. AGENCY TYPE: (check one)

A. <input type="checkbox"/> City-County Jail	F. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff's Office
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency	G. <input type="checkbox"/> State Police - Hwy Patrol
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Police Department	H. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Prison/Penitentiary	I. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not pertinent
E. <input type="checkbox"/> Private Security	

8. AGENCY NAME: _____ (20) STATE: ID (use 2-char. abbrev.)
(omit if "Not pertinent" checked above):

9. ACTION: UACB;

(check if applicable)	A. <input type="checkbox"/> LHM enclosed	C. <input type="checkbox"/> Report enclosed	E. <input type="checkbox"/> No further action being taken
	B. <input type="checkbox"/> LHM being submitted	D. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report being submitted	F. <input type="checkbox"/> FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)

10. Further action: A. ☒ investigation instituted
B. ☐ investigation continuing
C. ☐ investigation completed

Copy of above submitted to: (check as many as applicable)

A. <input type="checkbox"/> USA	
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Secret Service	
C. <input type="checkbox"/> BATF	
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Enclosures

ATTACHMENT A)

FBI/DOJ

b. File # 177A-21

Victim

12. SUBJECTS (number): A. _____ Amer. Indian _____ Male _____ Female
B. _____ Asian _____ Male _____ Female
C. _____ Black _____ Male _____ Female
D. _____ Hispanic _____ Male _____ Female
E. _____ White _____ Male _____ Female
F. _____ Other _____ Male _____ Female

* If "Other" please specify: _____ (15)

13. VICTIMS (number): A. _____ Amer. Indian _____ Male _____ Female
B. _____ Asian _____ Male _____ Female
C. _____ Black _____ Male _____ Female
D. _____ Hispanic _____ Male _____ Female
E. _____ White _____ Male _____ Female
F. _____ Other _____ Male _____ Female

If "Other" please specify: _____ (15)

14. Other descriptive data re victims: _____ not applicable

If applicable (number): A. _____ under 18 C. _____ handicapped
B. _____ over 62 D. _____ institutionalized

15. Matter type (use best description, check more than one if applicable):

A. ☐ brutality type _____ (15) (i.e., shooting; beating)
B. ☐ nonbrutality
C. ☐ death of victim
D. ☐ suicide method _____ (15) (i.e., hanging, slashed wrist)
E. ☐ known extremist group type _____ (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)
F. ☐ suspected ext. group type _____ (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)
G. ☐ cross burning
H. ☐ migrant victim
I. ☐ violence to property type _____ (15) (i.e., arson, shooting)
J. ☐ ISS matter type _____ (i.e., peonage, enticement, servitude, other slavery)
K. ☒ Other explain _____ (25)

* 16. Synopsis of Complaint - Date of initial complaint 9/28/83

On 9/28/83, Butte Division in receipt of communication from FBI Headquarters dated 9/23/83 in which they enclosed a communication from William Bradford Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, dated 9/15/83 requesting certain investigation as a result of an article that appeared in the 8/29/83 issue of the "People" magazine. This article inferred that Victim and his son may have been intimidated on account of their religion in the exercise of their housing rights, a possible violation of Title 18, USC, Section 241 and Title 42, USC, Section 3631.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

* 17. Indices: (check one) ☐ negative ☒ positive (if positive explain in body of report/LHM)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/20/83

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SAC BUTTE (177A-21)

ATTENTION: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

Initial submission ☒ supplemental submission ☐ revision ☐

File No: 177A-21 (include alpha)

Status: C (P - pending, P* - pending inactive, C - closed, RUC - referred upon completion)

Title: UNSUBS;

Members of Aryan Nation,
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho;

DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

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BT FD-610 to Bureau, 10/4/83.

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DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

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- A. ☒ USA Boise, Idaho
B. ☐ Secret Service
C. ☐ BATF
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| C. <u> </u> Black | <u> </u> Male | <u> </u> Female |
| D. <u> </u> Hispanic | <u> </u> Male | <u> </u> Female |
| E. <u> </u> White | <u> </u> Male | <u> </u> Female |
| F. <u> X </u> Other | <u> </u> Male | <u> </u> Female |

If "Other" please specify: Still unknown (15)

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If "Other" please specify: (15)

14. Other descriptive data re victims: X not applicable

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A. <u> </u> under 18	C. <u> </u> handicapped
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- K. ☐ other explain (25)

- * 16. Synopsis of Complaint - Date of initial complaint

- * 17. Indices: (check one) ☐ negative ☐ positive (If positive explain in body of report/LHM)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BUTTE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUTTE	DATE 10/20/83	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/4/83 to 10/6/83
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED UNSUBS; (1) Members of Aryan Nation, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; [REDACTED] b7C		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7C	TYPED BY
		CHARACTER OF CASE DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING	

Title marked "Changed" [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Title previously carried
as "Unsubs; Members of Aryan Nation, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho;
[REDACTED] Discrimination in Housing, OO: Butte".

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel to Butte, dated 9/23/83.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Where appropriate, Privacy Act, (e) (3) data was furnished to persons interviewed. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have been noted where granted.

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CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
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							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] **b7C** Office: BUTTE
Date: 10/20/83

Field Office File #: BT #177A-21

Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Members of Aryan Nation,
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho;
[REDACTED] **b7C**

Character:

DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

Synopsis:

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Six cases which have been investigated by the Butte Division and synopsisized in this report are being provided for additional background information to determine the prosecutive merits of this case.

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DETAILS:

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Investigation in this case was instituted upon a request from the Department of Justice indicating that an article in "People" magazine set forth allegations of possible discrimination in housing [REDACTED] Investigation was instituted and is set forth below.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
[REDACTED]

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At Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

On October 4, 1983, [REDACTED] Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, Records Section, advised that a review of the files for any discrimination suits filed in Kootenai County, failed to identify any [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On October 6, 1983, [REDACTED] Records Section, Coeur d'Alene City Police Department, advised that a review of her records for any discrimination complaints filed in Coeur d'Alene revealed none filed. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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b7C The following Butte files were reviewed and a synopsis of information in these files is provided herewith. This synopsis is provided in an effort to provide additional background information pertaining to [REDACTED] the Aryan Nations Church. The Butte files are captioned as listed below:

Butte File 9A-1192, captioned "Church of Jesus Christ Christian, aka Aryan Nations, Extortion".

* Referenced case pertains to individuals receiving printed literature throughout the United States. This printed literature takes the form of hate literature directed to races other than the White Aryans. Copies of the literature being circulated by the Aryan Nations Church at this time were forwarded to the Bureau for dissemination to the Department of Justice. This hate literature was shown to Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. On February 24, 1981, the Bureau came back to the Butte Division and indicated that they had discussed this matter with the Department of Justice and it was the opinion of the Department of Justice that this was not a violation of the Federal Extortion Statutes. This decision was rendered by the Department of Justice on February 18, 1981. They also stated that the circulation of the hate literature by the Aryan Nations Church did not constitute or deserve further investigation by the FBI. They recommended that if any additional communications were received pertaining to the Aryan Nations Church, that they be immediately be discussed with the Attorney General's Office in the State of Idaho.

This file also contains an All Office Memo which was disseminated throughout the United States setting forth the background of the Aryan Nations Church. Information in this memo stated that on October 18, 1980, an article was published by "The Spokesman Review", a newspaper published in Spokane, Washington, pertaining to the Church of Jesus Christ Christian. The article was written by Christopher Bogan and indicated that Richard Girnt Butler, a white male, was born February 23, 1918, and arrived in Hayden Lake, Idaho, in 1973, from Lancaster, California. Butler is currently the reverend of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian. The church is located on 20 acres in Hayden Lake, which Butler originally purchased as the church site. Currently, the church has an educational school set up for the education of children, a print-shop, and Butler's residence, all located within the 20 acre parcel.

Bogan indicated that the Aryan Nations is considered to be the action arm of the church. Most of the printed material

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being sent throughout the United States advocating the beliefs of the church, comes out of the Aryan Nations group. The article states that the men, while attending services, wear uniforms which strongly resemble those of Nazi Germany. The men even stand in a salute during prayer, which resembles that of the old Nazi regime. The church believes that they are the chosen children of Israel, the pure-blooded descendants of a white Aryan master race. The church alleges a membership locally of approximately 300 and a mailing list of approximately 8,000.

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COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO;
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Re Bureau telcals to ASAC Butte dated 4/20/83.

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CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

To

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

WBR Wm. Bradford Reynolds
JER Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

Reference is made to your memorandum dated 11/28/83
forwarding a memorandum from your Butte
field office captioned as on the attached closing form. This
matter has been closed as of the date on the attached form.

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NOTICE TO CLOSE FILE		Date: December 29, 1983
File Number: 175-22-7	<u>Tdall</u>	Case Title: Unknown Subjects; Members of [redacted] Nation, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; [redacted] Victim
YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE FILE HAS BEEN CLOSED AS OF THIS DATE.		
Remarks/Special Information: Insufficient evidence; victim does not wish to pursue.		
To:		
Files Unit	Division	
SIGNATURE: Howard L. Feinstein	DIVISION: Civil Rights Division	

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FORM OBD-25 12-31-74

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE

5/22/84

FROM: SAC, BUTTE (C)

ATTENTION: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

1. CM initial submission ☒ supplemental submission ☐ revision
2. File No: 177A-21 (include alpha)
3. Status: C (P - pending, P* - pending inactive, C - closed, RUC - referred upon completion)

4. Title: UNSUBS;
Members of Aryan Nation,
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho;
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DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING
OO: Butte
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Re: Bureau Airtel to Butte dated 4/26/84.

5. If Title changed, show previous Title:

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8. AGENCY NAME: _____ (20) STATE: _____ (use 2-char. abbrev.)
(omit if "Not pertinent" checked above):

9. ACTION: UACB;

(check if applicable) A. ☐ LHM enclosed C. ☐ Report enclosed E. ☐ No further action being taken
B. ☐ LHM being submitted D. ☐ Report being submitted F. ☐ FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)

- FD-302 enclosed per instructions of SSA [REDACTED]
10. Further action: A. ☐ investigation instituted
B. ☐ investigation continuing
C. ☒ investigation completed

1. Copy of above submitted to: (check as many as applicable)

A. ☐ USA
B. ☐ Secret Service
C. ☐ BATF
D. _____ (15) (other - specify)

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